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FROM THE EDITORS**Keep Your Racist Facebook Friends**CAMERON RAYNOR
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In the wake of the Paris attacks, you may have noticed some less-than-tasteful Facebook posts finding their way into you newsfeed. Let's be clear, posting a video of Middle Eastern refugees lined up at European borders and calling it the 'scariest thing you'll ever see' is racist. As are posts telling Syrians to 'go back to where they belong.'

The easy way out is to simply 'unfriend' these people. Odds are you aren't great friends anyways. Maybe you hung out once or twice in high school. A simple click of a button, and they're gone from your newsfeed. Out of sight, out of mind.

The problem is, that's only making things worse. Every time we actively remove someone with dissenting opinions from our social circles, we're encouraging them to keep those opinions.

It is comforting to see many fellow students posting well thought-out posts to counter the fear mongering that has been

rampant in the wake of the Paris attacks. But those posts are near worthless if the only people reading them already agree.

If we create intellectual echo-chambers for ourselves where we're only engaging with other like-minded people, we're simultaneously creating a larger echo-chamber among those who disagree. If people with racist views only interact with like-minded people, they will validate those racist views among each other.

We shouldn't fear viewpoints we disagree with; instead, we need to engage with them.

We can't expect people to change their minds by treating them as beneath us for their opinions. Like it or not, the majority of Canadians will not spend any time on a liberal arts university campus gaining exposure to social justice issues. This includes many of our friends from our hometowns, our high schools, and our summer jobs.

It doesn't matter if every university student or professor can see the baseless nature of the fear-mongering and hatred we see online. We live in a democracy where the majority rules, and retreating into an ivory tower isn't going to make things better. Bad ideas can be acted upon if enough people support them—no matter who those people are and what credential they hold.

Confronting backwards and hateful ideology can be exhausting. But if no one speaks up, we're just reinforcing harmful thinking. It's easy to say it's the responsibility of others to educate themselves. But when people seek information on their own, their confirmation bias usually leads them to reinforce their existing opinions.

We shouldn't fear viewpoints we disagree with; instead, we need to engage with them. If the ideas we develop at university are worth having, they're also worth sharing. Instead of hitting 'unfriend', a well thought out counterpoint would be in everyone's best interests. Authentic change takes time, effort, and debate—none of which will take place if we keep to ourselves and shut others out.

Sharing the Christmas Spirit with StrangersJENNIFER ROZEMA
EDITOR

Now that the Christmas carols have been playing for about a week, I feel it is an appropriate time to start talking about Christmas.

I enjoy Christmas in much the customary way. Sharing the Christmas spirit through wishing "Merry Christmas" is just one way. There also is the caroling, the trees, all the festivals, having time off from school (Hallelujah!), sledding and hayrides, it being acceptable to wear sweaters 24/7, and the list goes on. There is one thing, though, that always disappoints me around Christmas time, and it has nothing to do with all the possible activities.

What disappoints me is people.

Every year around Christmas the same disappointment in people surfaces. What comes to mind when we think about Christmas? I am willing to wager that one of the top things on our list (no pun intended) is gifts. In this, our society misses the mark completely. Our overbearing sense of gratification that we receive from material 'wealth' so to speak, has moved our focus away from what Christmas was originally meant to celebrate.

Christmas is a holiday where originally believers around the world cele-

brate the birth of Christ. Time was set aside to celebrate with friends and family to the wonderful gift of God's son, and to spread love and joy around the world. The popular carol 'Joy to the World' captures this belief among Christian believers.

Everyone celebrates Christmas in their own way. What unites all the diverse groups of people is that Christmas is a time to celebrate with those they care about.

While this spirit is still present in Christmas today, it is no longer the focus.

Have you recently tried saying "Merry Christmas!" to a stranger during the month of December? Maybe "Happy Holidays" or "Seasons Greetings"? No? In my experience, not many people do. I was once challenged to use seasonal greetings when interacting with strangers around Christmas—it was extremely difficult.

It wasn't that talking to strangers was difficult. What made it difficult were the responses I received. Some individuals reflexively mumbled back a hasty reply, not really expressing any true sentiment behind their words. While not all my interactions with strangers were negative, the majority of them were awkward for everyone involved. Why is this?

I believe we've collectively lost sight of the original meaning of Christmas. The focus is so strongly set on material gifts that we don't look to share joy and peace with

strangers. I am not saying everyone has their heads down, refusing to share the Christmas spirit while they go about their shopping.

I am saying that in general when we are greeted in a personal, one-on-one setting, where true sentiment is expressed, we don't know how to react. However, when Christmas greetings are withheld from a Starbucks holiday cup, there's an outcry. I think the reason for that is because that was an easy way to share and receive Christmas greetings. When a cup says "Merry Christmas" it feels good. This makes us feel like we're a part of the larger picture again, not just shuffling through the mall with our heads down.

I would like to see "Merry Christmas" be written on the Starbucks cups again. Not because it is an easy out, but because it saddens me that holiday greetings are not being used as I feel they should be.

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. You can't even describe it without quoting a well-known carol or song. However, I think we could all learn a lesson from those songs. It's about the people you spend Christmas with, and the things you share and do. We can bring back some of the old Christmas spirit by sharing small things with people outside of our families and friends. Small things like saying "Merry Christmas."

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Answers to Four Questions About Augustana

By KATE GAEL

You've got questions, and we've got answers. Here are the answers to some of the questions you asked us this week!

1. Where are students allowed/not allowed to park on the road on the west side of campus?

We've all been there: three minutes to class, and only one uncomfortably tight parallel parking spot on the road west of campus. Some parallel park jobs are better than others, and one has to wonder, what are the rules of parallel parking on 50th Street?

Jo-Anna Wohlgemuth, an administrative assistant at Augustana and the contact for parking regulations, said that the rules for parking on 50th Street are dictated by the city of Camrose, not the campus. That means parking there is like parking anywhere else in Cam-

rose: Follow the signage and general rules of parallel parking, and you'll be fine.

2. What are the plans for the room with sliding glass walls in the Wakhkotowin Lodge?

If you've been down to the Wakhkotowin Lodge lately, you may have noticed a section with sliding glass doors. According to Alyssa Belanger, Augustana Students Association vice president of communications and member of the Aboriginal Engagement Committee, the sliding glass doors enable people to close the space off should anyone want to book a meeting in the room.

"The basement was designed to be very multipurpose so that room could be booked on its own and closed off," said Belanger. "Or the doors can remain open and you can book the whole basement."

3. What are the rules about professors'

research here? Do they have to research?

Many professors have research projects, but what are Augustana's rules about professor research? Is it a requirement or a labor of love?

Augustana's Overview of Faculty Responsibilities states that faculty members are expected to "develop the capacity for critical inquiry and creativity" through both teaching and research. Faculty are expected to "exemplify such capacity through research and publication/ performance/ exhibition." Faculty members are expected to show their progress in their annual reports.

In other words, Roxanne Harde, Augustana's associate dean of research, said, "About one third of a faculty members' work should be devoted to research. Because we are a teaching faculty and carry a much heavier teaching load than

any other faculty in the U of A, this proportion is a bit flexible. Everyone is expected to do research/creative work."

4. What is the connection between Augustana and the Ronning Centre?

Augustana often hosts events or speakers through the Ronning Centre, but the connection is seldom talked about. Rebecca Warren, the executive director of the Ronning Centre, explained that the Ronning Centre is "partially funded by the Augustana Campus, and exists to provide a range of activities, including guest speakers and lectures, conferences, internships, and even courses in the Religion Department."

All of the centre's events are open to students, faculty, staff, and members of the public, and many are free of charge. Students are encouraged to check out the Ronning Centre's website.

8 Augustana Traditions That Should be Revived

By MELISSA WILK

Augustana has seen a vast array of events, traditions and groups over the last 100 years. Unfortunately, many of these unique experiences have disappeared from Augustana – so, which ones should make a comeback?

Canoe Team: The canoe team was around from the 70s to the 90s. According to David Larson, a former Biology professor, the team was highly skilled and almost unbeatable. One year, Augustana hosted an open tournament at Mirror Lake – their score was higher than all of the other teams scores combined.

Unfortunately, in the late 90s, the team was shut down because the PAC and Outdoor Education classes offered canoeing experiences. A competitive canoe team would be another unique sport to add to the athletics department – so long as there's enough student interest.

stead create a "Settlers of Cataraqui" squad.

Winter Carnival: Winter Carnival was a weeklong event with activities such as pie-eating contests, wing eating contests, and campus wide games. The carnival ended with a themed dance that was special because a "Snow King and Queen" were elected by students. Why does Augustana need this back? The real question is, why not?

Air Guitar Competition: The title is fairly self-explanatory. The air guitar competition was around for several years during the 80s. A battle of lip syncing, dancing and air created bands. Someone needs to get on this.

Camrose Lutheran College Radio (CLCR): The Camrose Lutheran College Radio station was a successful program with 40-50 students involved as DJs, technicians and leaders every year.

Rob Ford, a former student and current residence supervisor, said, "The radio station was a great way to get students involved. Each DJ had a program that was unique with its own flavour and character representing a variety of genres."

Unfortunately, the CLCR was shut down in 2004. According to Cindy Rose, executive director of the Augustana Students' Association, the main reason was that the equipment was becoming out of date and the replacement costs were too high for the school to afford. Also, the location of the station was against fire regulations and it would have been difficult to relocate.

Sid Zorck Day: According to Roger Milbrandt, a former English professor, "Sid Zorck" day started in the 60s after students invented a fictitious student named "Sid". They paid him tuition, registered him in classes and completed his

The Multifaceted Augustana Gaming Entourage focuses on a collectible card game (Magic: the Gathering), as well as an Anthony. They also hold tournaments this year.

Chairperson: Ben McIntyre

Vice-Chair: Joe Turner

Secretary: Tom Gray

Treasurer: James Nible

From top-left, CW: Augustana's 1989 Snow King and Queen, the 1987 Augustana canoe team and the The M.A.G.E. Club circa 1999.

assignments. It was a prank to see how long they could get away with "Sid" before administration found out he was fake.

Once "Sid" was discovered, students wanted a way to immortalize him, so, a day was created in his honour. Students were given a random day off – it was a true holiday!

Pranks: Students used to pull ridiculous campus pranks. According to Roger Milbrandt, a former English professor, one year when the snow hadn't melted, a group of students spray painted the campus grounds green to make it more "spring" like. Another year, a canoe was mysteriously

found on the steps of Founders' Hall. Augustana students sure knew how to pull a good prank in the earlier years.

Yearbooks: Augustana's yearbook, the "Saga" stopped being produced in the early 2000s. Cheesy photos, autograph signing and the "cutest" couples were all featured. Who doesn't love looking back on their haircuts with regret?

Augustana needs to bring back the yearbook. We have a small student population, one-of-a-kind teams, and a great community that I'm sure would enjoy a collection of class memories.

Students were given a random day off – it was a true holiday!

M.A.G.E.: The Multifaceted Augustana Gaming Entourage (M.A.G.E.) only lasted two years. The group played "Magic: the Gathering" and other popular board games. M.A.G.E. held two tournaments in 1999, even though the group only had 5-10 members. So, bring the M.A.G.E. back?

Playing cards and board games are a good way to have fun and let off some mid-term stress – on second thought, maybe we don't need to revive M.A.G.E., in-

dean of academics, said that the new calendar comes after two years of consultation with student's staff and faculty to improve student's experience at Augustana. "The schedule was designed to decrease the amount of courses students could take at any one time while promoting community engagement," he said.

"If a student is three credits away from graduating they can take a course during the three-week class schedule and graduate without having to do a full semester," said Madison Hauser, the Augustana Students Association vice president of academics. "Theoretically a student

doesn't need to do a course in the first three weeks of either semester but can begin at the start of the 11 week module".

In addition to the new academic calendar, Augustana will offer a new first-year experience course. The three-credit course is designed to help first-year university students' transition to university. The course is comprised of two components: a student orientation, focused on non-academic aspects of university and a first-year seminar, focused on academic disciplines and viewpoints.

"I don't think the first-year experience course is a good idea," said third-

Students React to New 3-11 Academic Timetable

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said Hillary Kemp, a second-year Outdoor Education student. "I have been at a post-secondary institution before that ran modular courses and I found it easiest to just focus on one course."

However, other students expressed doubts. "I am worried about arriving first-year university students," said fourth-year Environmental Science student Tye DuBrule. "Their performance during the three week course in September, whether good or bad, could give them misconceptions about their university career".

Karsten Mundel, Augustana assistant

year outdoor education student Kate-Lynn Cook. "Orientation for first-year students is important but it does not need to be drawn out for three weeks".

An important detail yet to be worked out is course selection. Mundel said the schedule has different aspects to accommodate to ensure students graduate.

Mundel urges students to visit the new frequently asked question page about the 3-11 timetable if they have further questions. The schedule can be found online on students' myweb.

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Augustana Professor Lars Holstromm Releases Book

By EMILY MCILROY

Augustana faculty, staff, and students gathered in the Roger Epp Room on Nov. 18 to celebrate the publication of Professor Lars Hallström's book, "Ecosystems, Society, and Health: Pathways through Diversity, Convergence and Integration". Lars Hallström, one of the three editors, is a professor of Political Studies at Augustana and is also director of the Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities.

Hallström's book is trans-disciplinary. It looks at how ecosystems, society, and health intersect as systems by drawing from complexity science, systems theory, public policy, deliberative democracy, medicine, nursing and aboriginal knowledge. The variety of disciplines made the writing, in Hallström's words, "both a labour of love and a labour of significant intellectual challenge."

The book brings together stories of

people that may never be in the same room together because their fields of studies are far removed. Margot W. Parkes, one of three editors of the book, an associate professor in the school of health sciences and the Northern medical program at the University of Northern British Columbia, said people need to reach the boundaries of their expertise and then reach out to other disciplines, which is what the book does.

There is a need in society, Parkes said, to "recognize complex issues that cannot be addressed adequately in isolation and that need for us to step out of our comfort zone and to start learning from other people."

The idea for the book first came about through a networking grant in the Maritime that was intended to, in Hallström's words, "link faculty in Nursing, Physics, Political Science, Religious Studies, and Computer Science, [...] to move health

research beyond the very strong biomedical focus at that time in Atlantic Canada."

In 2009, Hallström ended up in an apartment behind Sobey's, with his one month old son and a stack of draft chapters. He thought, "How am I going to do this? We don't even really have any furniture."

At this point, Hallström reached out for assistance. He contacted Parkes and Nicholas P. Guelhifor who both agreed to become editors of the book. Guelhifor works as an associate professor of Environmental Science and Political Science at Southern Illinois University.

Hallström said together "they completely disassembled and reassembled the book."

The book was also made possible with the help of Hallström's colleague and Augustana English professor Roxanne Harde, as she offered an informed, critical, literary opinion.

"Ecosystems, Society and Health brings to the forefront [...] research that is relevant to all of us, because it brings an abiding concern for the wellness of the world and all of its inhabitants," said Harde.

10 years of hard work have been put into the book and it has been edited time and time again.

"At one point I tried to figure out how many times I had read the complete manuscript as a unit and stopped counting at 27," said Hallström.

Hallström finished his book here in Alberta, cooped up in the shed behind his house. "It's a very rural thing to do to sit in your shed with no electricity and edit a book by hand," said Hallström.

Ecosystems, Society and Health is available for purchase at the Augustana Book store and online through the McGill-Queen's University Press webpage.

Augustana to Observe UN Day of Persons With Disabilities

By JENNIFER HA

Augustana is set to observe the United Nations' International Day of Persons with Disabilities for the first time on Dec. 3. On the day, Augustana's Diversity Working Group and Student Accessibility Services will be running a booth with educational information to reach out to the campus community about issues regarding ability and accessibility.

This year's theme will be "Inclusion Matters: Access and Empowerment for People of All Abilities." The U.N. has also set out three subthemes: making cities inclusive and accessible for all, improving disability data and statistics,

and including persons with invisible disabilities in society and development.

Many of Augustana's students face invisible disabilities.

Augustana's efforts to observe the day will centralize around the second and third subthemes. Because many of Augustana's students face invisible disabilities, the need for accessibility and acceptance on campus is not always visible.

Invisible disabilities describe any

disability that does not have a visible indicator. These include chronic pain, mental illness, and even diabetes.

The United Nations' intention in observing the day is to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities. The day also seeks to increase awareness of how disabilities integrate into a person's political, social, economic, and cultural lives.

Student Accessibility Services' core purpose is to equalize educational opportunities for students, staff, and faculty. Their work addresses disabilities involving any number of conditions af-

fecting mobility, vision, hearing, learning, and physical or mental health.

The Diversity Working Group will be collecting data regarding the number of Augustana students who work with Student Accessibility Services. These numbers will be displayed in the forum.

By making the numbers widely known, the group hopes to promote awareness of how important accessibility is to those with disabilities on campus.

Along with the data about accessibility on campus, information regarding accessibility as a whole and educational material regarding ableism will also be a part of the day on Dec. 3.

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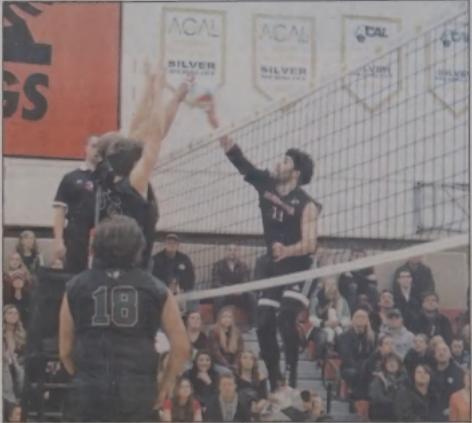
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SPORTS



The Augustana Vikings men's basketball team lost the first of two consecutive home games against the Keyano Huskies on Nov. 13. Austin Brulotte (#10) looking run around the Huskies defencemen.



Augustana Vikings men's volleyball player Luke Ryan (#11) spiking against the Lakeland Rustlers at the Nov. 20 game. Viking won a hard fought game 3-1.

Photo: BILL YOUNG



The second home game of the Augustana Vikings women's basketball team's two game series against the Keyano Huskies. Viking Shea Jose (#6) pushing forward to the Huskies net. The Vikings ended the game with a 66-54 win against the Huskies.

Photo: BILL YOUNG



Austin Brulotte looks for an opening as he drives forward against the Concordia Thunder's defense. Despite a strong effort by the Men's basketball team the Augustana Vikings lost their Oct. 31 match 56 - 76.

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Upcoming Home Games

Friday Nov. 27

Volleyball

Vikings vs. Grande Prairie
Women 6 p.m. Men 8 p.m.
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Saturday, Nov. 28

Volleyball

Vikings vs. Grande Prairie
Women 1 p.m.
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If you could go anywhere right now, where would you go?



Dana Bulger

I would go to New Zealand because it is a beautiful place and I would love to live there at some point. I have already been there before and I love the climate and scenery that they have there. I also enjoy the different variety of animals and of course the accents.



Randi Martin

I have wanted to go to Italy since I took art history. It would be a lot of cool things to see and it would be cool to see the things that I learned about in class. I would like to do all the cheesy tourist things and take tours of places like the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican. Since I would be in the area, I would take a Euro trip afterwards and visit the Louvre.



Michael Cole

I have always wanted to go to the African Savanna. I always wanted to go check it out especially the wild life because it is so different. The Savanna is a natural area that is not industrialized so I think that would be something that would be interesting to see.



Stephanie Canning

I want to go to New Zealand because I have heard amazing stories from my friends who have been there. I just want to go there and see all the different kinds of animals. It also has a very exotic environment, a rich culture and, of course, the animals!

Sports Degree

By MIKAIALE PERRINO



Secrecy in the Development of TPP May Hurt Students

By CAMERON RAYNOR

As more details emerge, students are expressing concern regarding the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement.

The TPP's mandated 20-year extension of copyright law may limit public access to information and new communications regulations may enable Internet censorship, according to advocacy groups and experts.

The agreement, which took seven years to negotiate, aims to enable trade among its 12 member countries—including Canada—that account for close to 40 per cent of the world's economy.

"They're negotiating this huge deal between all these different countries in absolute secrecy—you don't know anything about it," said Justina Reinkle, a three-year University of Alberta Biology student. He's worried the deal has been shaped by large, corporate stakeholders and will stifle innovation. "I've seen a lot of experts coming out against it saying things are unnecessary."

One of those experts is David Christopher, the communications manager for online rights advocacy group, OpenMedia. Christopher said as it stands, the TPP could drastically affect "how people use the Internet on an everyday basis." He said OpenMedia is concerned the extension of copyright and intellectual property laws will be used to silence free speech on the Internet and that new rules are a "threat to data privacy."

"There are safeguards in the language," said Myra Tawfik, a senior fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation. She said there is a clause in the TPP allowing governments to bypass data transfer rules to "achieve a legitimate public policy objective." She said the language of the final document is "comforting," however, she cautioned, "Whether or not it will be used in comforting ways remains to be seen."

The intention of the new rules is to provide businesses and copyright holders with a consistent set of rules to make it easier to do business between TPP ratifying countries. "Businesses like to have certainty in the rules," said Tawfik. And, she said, inconsistent copyright laws pro-

vide disincentive for development of new computer software or other products that require substantial upfront investment.

Whether or not the new rules will benefit the general populations is less clear.

Christopher said keeping works out of the public domain will cost Canada millions of dollars per year in economic damages. "The only people who gain from these kind of rules are basically the giant kind of Hollywood media conglomerates in the U.S. Pretty much everyone else loses out," he said.

University of Ottawa law professor Michael Geist recently posted a blog post listing several Governor-General award-winning works scheduled to enter the public domain that would be delayed by 20 years if copyright terms are extended. These changes could increase costs for students who study works currently in, or slated to enter the public domain.

However, Tawfik said she would be "very surprised" if Parliament passed legislation retroactively to works that have already fallen into, or are very close to entering the public domain. She expects that, unlike past legislation south of the border, the new rules would only apply to works created after changes are made.

What most concerns Tawfik is the secrecy and limited amount of stakeholders involved in the discussions, noting, "Copyright users don't have a strong voice at any of these negotiations."

Reinkle agrees: "I think that the way it was gone about, all secret, no public opinion until it was done, is very suspicious," said Reinkle. "That's one of those red flags that I see."

OpenMedia hopes Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will make good on his promise to consult with Canadians and subject the agreement to full parliamentary debate before taking any steps to ratify the deal.

Tawfik said it's important to remember the big picture when talking about the TPP. "The argument is that opening new markets to all of our goods and services, including our creativity, will be to the long-term economic benefit of Canada," she said. "Even if, it's going to cost us more on the copyright front."

Your Biweekly Horoscopes

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 19

The holidays are just around the corner and you may feel pressure to socialize. Step back for a moment and take some time to yourself to re-energize.

Cancer: Jun 21 - Jul 22

You may be feeling overwhelmed by the amount of work you've left behind. Take things one step at a time and plan group study sessions to help you focus.

Libra: Sep 23 - Oct 22

Don't get too cocky on your exams and skip studying. There is always more to learn in the classroom than at home in your bed.

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 19

You may be feeling physically drained as November stretches on. Take time to visit the library dog Hutch to recharge for exams.

Taurus: Apr 20 - May 20

Your nervous tendencies are starting to creep up on you. Talk it out with some friends and your landlord. They'll help you point your energy to productive means.

Leo: Jul 23 - Aug 22

You're rearing up to party and with the limited snow, now's the time to do it. Be mindful of your friend's schedules but don't be afraid to have fun on your own.

Scorpio: Oct 23 - Nov 21

Try to keep roughing things to a minimum this time around; you might take it too far. Instead focus on what you adore about your friends and lovers and treat them.

Aquarius: Jan 20 - Feb 18

The classes you're weak in are the most likely to slip up this time around. Be confident in your knowledge of your strong classes and seek help for your weak ones.

Gemini: May 21 - Jun 20

Time to admit what you've been thinking about these past few weeks. It will be hard to get past your pride and anxiety, but it's best to get it out before the break.

Virgo: Aug 23 - Sep 22

Time to get out to the Lougheed Center for some nice music and acts rather than the bar. Seek a social event that doesn't rely too much on your speech.

Sagittarius: Nov 22 - Dec 21

You want to work hard and now's the time to do it. Throw through your last few classes and assignments. You have the energy to get through it if you pace yourself.

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

While you are currently capable of doing well in your classes, it's best to sit down with your teacher to iron out a few problems. Don't try to coast through the last few days of class.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vikings Games



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Check out the sports sections for a complete list of upcoming Vikings games!

Wednesday November 25

Vikings Curling Tournament and Funsspiel Sign Up
Sign up in the Forum 10-1 p.m.
\$20 payment

Ronning: Turkey, Pluralism & Public Religion
12 p.m.
Chester Ronning Center
David Goa discussing a partnership with Turkey

DidYouKnow: How to Create Appointment Slots in Google
1 p.m.
1-130 Library Computer Classroom
Learn how to create appointment slots in Google calendar

Thursday November 26

Vikings Curling Tournament and Funsspiel Sign Up
Sign up in the Forum 10-1 p.m.
\$20 payment

Theme: Slocan Ramblers on Practice & Play
2:15-3:30 p.m.
Jean Hachborn Common Room, Founders' Hall
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2:15-3:30 p.m.
Jean Hachborn Common Room

Slocan Ramblers
Bailey Theatre

Friday November 27

Calm Zone Open House
10 a.m.
First Year Basement
A calm space to relax, re-energize, and reflect

One Night in Africa
7 p.m.
Wahkotowin Lodge
Tickets Adults: \$30
Students: \$15

All ticket sales will be donated to Doctor's Without Borders for the Syrian Refugees

Saturday November 28

From Fractured Conversation to the New Economy
1-3:30 p.m.
11116-82 Ave, Edmonton
A Philosophers' Café animated by Rajan Ratnayakulu and Hans Asfeld

Vikings Hockey Toque Toss

7:30 p.m.
Vikings vs. SAIT
Encana Arena
Second annual Toque Toss. Bring a toque, scarf or mittens to throw onto the ice. Be entered to win a prize basket. All items will be donated to the Camrose Emergency Clothing and Furniture Depot and Augustana Reciprocity shelf.

Monday November 30

Midnight Madness in Camrose
Downtown Camrose
Hayrides, carols, refreshments, and sleigh rides.

Augustana Teaching Seminar
12:30 p.m.

Roger Epp Conference Room
Identifying Academic Skills on your Course Syllabus and Assignments
Lars Hallstrom: Distinguished Professional Lecture

7 p.m.
Mayor Family Community Hall, Lougheed Center
From Prague to the Prairies: Sustainability, Science and the Politics

Wine & Cheese Reception to follow

Tuesday December 1

Improv
7 p.m.
Augustana Theatre Centre

Wednesday December 2

Vikings Curling Tournament and Funsspiel Sign Up
Sign up in the Forum 10-1 p.m.
\$20 payment

Nobel Lunch & Learn 3:
Literature and Economics
12 p.m.
Rodger Epp Conference Room
\$5 lunch available
To reserve email olafson@ualberta.ca

Thursday December 3

Vikings Curling Tournament and Funsspiel Sign Up
Sign up in the Forum 10-1 p.m.
\$20 payment

Saturday December 5

Vikings Curling Tournament and Funspiel
9 a.m. start
Encana Arena
Cash prizes, fully licensed event

Susan Aglukark

8 p.m.
Lougheed Performing Arts Centre
Tickets : Adults: \$39+GST,
Students & Seniors: \$36+GST

Sunday December 6

A Rose in Winter - Advent Christmas Concert
3 p.m.
Faith & Life Chapel
Tickets : Adults: \$20
Students, Seniors & Children: \$15

Monday December 7

Canadian Pacific Holiday Train 2015
Arrival: 1:30 p.m. Show: 1:45-2:15 p.m.
52 ave & 50st, next to Moose Family Center
Freewill donations to the food bank

Tuesday December 8

Improv
7 p.m.
Augustana Theatre Centre
Tickets : \$38.25+GST

DISTRACTIONS

Sudoku

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6	1		2	4	
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	8		3		
1	8			7	5
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4		7		1	
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How Legalization of Marijuana Could Change Camrose

By FARSHAD LABBAF

It's been over a month since the election has ended with Justin Trudeau sweeping the nation with his bold, progressive political agenda. His agenda includes deficit stimulus spending, raising taxes on the rich, and, remarkably, legalizing weed!

Prime Minister Trudeau has pledged to legalize the production and distribution of Cannabis in Canada. You can imagine that every hipster, jazz fest enthusiast, Lil Wayne fan and a fair number of Augustana students are 'stoned about being stoned.' But don't light your blunts in the local baseball park just yet—Trudeau has yet to introduce a bill to remove the federal prohibition on marijuana. But if he follows through, the question is this: How will legalization affect everyday life for us all?

Ever since the Conservative Party won the 2006 federal election, the (now-former) government has put forth aggressive anti-drug policies to crackdown on the illegal marijuana industry.

According to Statistics Canada, 33.3% of 18- to 24-year-olds report using marijuana in the past year. Of the roughly 73,000 police-reported cannabis offences in 2013, nearly 80% were possession offences. In 2013, possession of cannabis accounted for 54% of all police-reported drug crime.

While cannabis-related offences accounted for the majority of drug related crime regardless of the age group of the accused person, the highest proportion of cannabis offences were by young Canadians. 90% of 12- to 17-year-olds accused of a drug-related offence were accused of an offence involving cannabis (81% for cannabis possession).

With Trudeau now in power, expect a drastic U-turn in Canada's drug policy.

According to a survey by the Department of Justice, 70.7% of Canadians believe in either decriminalization or legalization of Cannabis.

Trudeau has already mandated for legalization to proceed as quickly as possible. However, it is unclear exactly when the legislation for legalization will be introduced.

One thing is for sure: Trudeau has a majority in the House of Commons and the support of the public. According to a survey by the Department of Justice, 70.7% of Canadians believe in either decriminalization or legalization of Cannabis.

However, this policy is not a revolutionary idea. The legalization of cannabis has been implemented in many

countries and several U.S. states such as Washington and Colorado. So how has legalization affected these states?

According to the Colorado's Department of Revenue, the first four months of legal marijuana sales resulted in \$10.8 million in tax revenue and nearly 1 billion in revenue by the end of the 2014 fiscal year. There is little question that if Canada does legalize marijuana the government will truly be riding high on revenue.

weed is a gateway drug to more harmful substances. When asked his opinion, Augustana Sociology professor Geraint Osborn said "the whole marijuana gateway drug hypothesis has been shut down." Osborn said the hypothesis was based on faulty samples, and the evidence was merely correlation. "By in large, most experts don't buy into the gateway hypothesis anymore," he said.

When asked, several Augustana students expressed their support for marijuana legalization.

"I think it's about time," said fourth-year Music student Kayla Rick. "I feel like the Canadian government is missing out on a good taxation opportunity if they regulate it like they do with alcohol."

Second-year Chemistry major said he doesn't think legalizing marijuana will increase use in the long run. "When you make it legal not as many people will actually do it," he said.

When we look at places like Colorado, we see that adults are allowed to legally purchase up to one ounce of pot to smoke, bake, or use however they want. Perhaps legalization of pot will even change society's position to see drug addiction as a health problem rather than a criminal problem—only time will tell.

In Colorado, the money is primarily used to enforce the regulations on marijuana, but some is being used to construct schools and create youth and public education campaigns about marijuana. The effects of this policy may already be making itself apparent. According to the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting data, the overall crime rate in the state of Colorado is down 10.1 percent from 2013, while violent crime has decreased by 5.2 percent.

Critics of legalization, the former Conservative government included, argue that



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their temperament. Therapy dogs must be calm and friendly around humans and other animals. They must also not startle easily, as therapy dogs may be placed in noisy areas or confounding spaces, such as hospitals. Hutch always looks so sleepy or bored, why is that?

As a therapy dog, Hutch has learned to be calm when at work. He loves to run and play chase as much as he can though. Mark makes sure to take Hutch and his other dog to the dog park as often as he can.

Mark takes Hutch out once in the morning, at lunch time, and in the afternoon. This gives Hutch a bathroom break, and a chance to stretch his legs and roll in the snow. How do we know Hutch is open to receiving clients?

Whenever Hutch is in his little kennel, he's open to be petted and cuddled. You're even allowed to enter his kennel and sit with him. Some regulars even go in with their notes and work while they cuddle! Don't be shy, it's his job to make you smile. The only time you need to give Hutch some space is if he's slunk under Mark's desk. What is Hutch's favorite part of his job?

The hugs and cuddles. What is his least favorite part?

Whenever Mark wanders out of view for too long. He's a pretty attached pooch!

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Meet Hutch

By HOLLY YURKOSKI

Hutch Fulton is one of the most unique members of Augustana campus life. This beautiful canine is a registered therapy dog that works with the library. I met with Mark Fulton, Hutch's owner, and interviewed the pup through his English translator. Where is Hutch from?

Hutch was born in California. Mark became his owner in 2012, when Hutch was a mere ten week old puppy. When is Hutch's birthday?

Hutch's birthday is June 10, 2012, making him a Gemini in the Western zodiac and the Dragon in the Chinese zodiac. What exactly is Hutch's profession?

Despite common belief that Hutch is a 'service' dog, it is more accurate to say he is a therapy dog. Service and assistant dogs are different from therapy dogs for various reasons. First they tend to be trained to deal with a specific task, such as assisting people in a wheelchair or an individual with diabetes.

Once a service or assistant dog is certified, they're allowed in any space. Service and assistant dogs help one person and have limited handlers. A therapy dog, however, may help many people and is only allowed in areas where they are invited or have permission. Where did Hutch go for training?

Hutch was homeschooled the basics with Mark, such as following the direction of the handler. After Mark was confident in his demeanour, Mark and the trainer approached Therapy Dogs International about having Hutch registered as a therapy dog.

Along with his schooling, Hutch also had the correct demeanor to be certified as a therapy dog. The most important part is



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